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### **DoD Biometrics Program Assumes New Leadership**

***John Woodward Named Director, Biometrics Management Office;  
New GS-15 Director, Biometrics Fusion Center, To Be Named***

WASHINGTON, D.C., September 30, 2003 – The Department of Defense (DoD) Biometrics Management Office (BMO) announced today that John D. Woodward, Jr. will succeed Dr. Linda S. Dean, current director of the BMO, upon her retirement on September 30. In addition to Mr. Woodward's assignment, the Army will appoint a new civil service (GS-15) director for the DoD Biometrics Fusion Center (BFC) in Bridgeport, West Virginia, to accommodate the growing importance of the BFC's test and evaluation activities. DoD expects to fill the Director, BFC position by the Fall of 2003.

"The DoD Biometrics Program has made impressive strides toward institutionalizing biometrics within key DoD communities," said David Borland, chair of the DoD Biometrics Senior Coordinating Group. "The foundation is now in place for the Program to operationalize its mission through additional emphasis on BFC activities."

Woodward's assignment is made possible by the Army's use of the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) Mobility Program (5 USC Section 3371-3375) – which permits movement of personnel between qualified organizations for up to four years. This approach helps achieve Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's mission in filling vacant DoD posts efficiently.

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“This dual management structure of the BMO and BFC enables continuity of operations for the DoD Biometrics Program,” Borland continued. “Having worked with John Woodward since the BMO’s inception, I’m confident of his ability to advance the Army’s mission for biometrics for the Department of Defense.”

Mr. Woodward comes to the Department from RAND Corporation, a public policy research organization, where he served as a senior policy analyst working on national security, intelligence and technology policy issues for the Army, DoD, Department of Justice, the Intelligence Community and other organizations. Prior to joining RAND Corporation, Mr. Woodward served as an operations officer for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). He has testified about biometrics before Congress, the Commission on Online Child Protection and the Virginia State Crime Commission. He is the primary author of *Biometrics: Identity Assurance in the Information Age* (McGraw-Hill, 2003).

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*The Deputy Secretary of Defense formally appointed the Army as the DoD’s Executive Agent for developing and implementing biometrics technology. The Department of Defense Biometrics Management Office (BMO) is the central entity within the DoD responsible for leading, consolidating and coordinating the development, adoption and institutionalization of biometric technologies for combatant commands, Services and Agencies, to enhance Joint Service interoperability and warfighter operational effectiveness. The Biometrics Fusion Center (BFC) is the test and evaluation unit of the BMO.*

*The Deputy Secretary of Defense, by memorandum of December 27, 2000, designated the Army as DoD Executive Agent for development and implementation of biometrics technology.*